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pola and alarm bell. The want of a Bell Tower in that portion of our city is much felt by the Department, and as its cost will not be of an expensive character, I hope that it may be decided upon to erect it.

BELL-RINGERS.

I would respectfully recommend that the ordinance in relation to Bell-Ringers be entirely changed. I have at different times made complaints against Bell-bave at different times made complaints against Bell-Ringers for neglect of dury, and other causes, that have been unbeeded, and the parties not even reprihave been unbeeded, and the parties not even reprihave been unbeeded, and the parties for such action missed without cause being assigned for such action by the removing power. It is unjust to many deserving men who have suffered in this respect, that their removal was obtained, not from neglect of duty, but for reasons never explained, and consequently uncalled for and injurious to the welfare of the Department. I would suggest the propriety of the ordinance formed as to give the nomination of Bellcalled for and injurious to the what of the ordinance ment. I would suggest the propriety of the ordinance being so framed as to give the nomination of Bell-Ringers to the Board of Engineers, subject to con-firmation by the Common Council.

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NEW HOSE.

In a communication to your Honorable Body, some tine since, I called attention to the necessity for advertising for seventy-five thousand feet of new hose. The supply of hose now in use is entirely inadequate, and only by constant care is kept in partial order. New hose is wanted to promote and secure an efficient discharge of duty by the Department, and also to prevent a waste of water, that at present caunot be avoided. The necessity for an immediate contract is apparent at every fire, and it would be judicious to direct the proper authority to advertise and award the same as soon as possible.

MERGEMENTS IN THE HYDRANTS.

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IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HYDRANTS.

The objection to the fire hydrants now in use consists principally in the waste, which, even when in perfect order, leaves from four to six inches of water above the valve, liable to freeze, and render the hydrant useless.

This waste is a small valve worked by the pressure

of water, weights, springs, etc., liable at any moment to be cut of order, and in which there is no surety o action; and when out of order, it can not be repaired

without digging up.
In Hyde's Patent Fire Hydrant all these objection Iz Hyde's Patent Fire Hydrant all these objection are obviated. The part of this hydrant the construction of which is new, consists principally in the waste pipe and its connections. The lower part of the rod is bored out and a branch added, the branch being hollow; the two constituting a syphon, which, when the hydrant is closed, completely empties it, leaving no water to freeze. water to freeze.

The valve is opened and shut by means of the serew

at the top in the usual manner, and is so constructed that it shuts the waste when open and opens it when One of the recommendations of this hydraut is the

One of the recommendations of this hydrant is the simple manner in which it can be repaired; by taking off the upper part of the case in which it is inclosed, the head plate can be removed and the entire works taken out, thereby doing away completely with digging up the streets for the purpose of repairs.

The whole construction of this hydrant is too simple to get out of order, or to be above the comprehension of any one.

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I would recommend that the Croton Aqueduct Department be directed to use this hydrant when new ones are being put down for service.

FIRE TELEGRAPH.

I would call the attention of your honorable body to the propriety of introducing the fire telegraph into the houses of different fire companies located some distance from bell towers. In many instances—from the peculiar position of their locality—the alarm bells are not available in carrying an alarm, and consequently companies are compelled to rely upon their are not available in carrying an alarm, and consequently companies are compelled to rely upon their own resources to enable them to be prompt at fires. The expense of such introduction would not be large, while the great benefits are self-evident and worthy of being considered and adopted.

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REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS, ETC.

Thave been assisted in my efforts to advance the Department to a state of efficiency by the cooperation of the then acting Street Commissioner, recognized by your honorable body, under whose authority and written direction I have caused to be repaired such of the houses as were out of order, and transacted other. the houses as were out of order, and transacted other necessary details peculiar to the wants of the De-

The position of the Street Commissioner's office has The position of the Street Commissioner's office has prevented many needful improvements, erection of buildings and providing apparatus for the use of the Department, that are needed and have been recommended by your Honorable Body; but I have endeavored, while unable to provide for all the wants demanded, to so manage by small expenditures, that temporary conveniences and accommodation have been allowed, until the work ordered by your Honorable Body should be completed. I would recommend that a bureau be established under my Department, to have control over all work and supplies to be furnished, and supervision over all expenditures connected with the Fire Department.

As the building and repairs to houses should naturally be a coordinate part of the duty of the Chief Engineer's Department. I would advise that an ordinance be adopted to place that duty in my Department.

BADGES.

I find the law authorizing the issue of badges to members of the Department to be productive of much evil. It has not accomplished what was designed by its introduction, but has added largely to the cause for complaintit was designed to remedy. The number of badges that are either lost or stolen amounts to over one thousand at the present time, and it is growing to be a source of dissatisfaction among members of the Department at the necessity of wearing them. The ownership of a stolen badge gives free access to thieves, and other dangerous persons, to the close preximity of fires, where under the recognized shield of the Fire Department they can perform their nefarious calling without suspicion or interruption. It is a well-known fact that costs on which badges are worn, well-known fact that coats on which banges are worn, have been stolen from different apparatus while on their way to fires, and it is not difficult to conjecture that they were taken solely for the purpose of procuring badges to give recognized admittance to a building on fire.

I would advise an amendment to the law, that the

badges be abousned amogether, save for the Engineer Board and officers of companies.

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FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of Fire Commissioners, to whom is delegated the power to try all cases of insubordination occurring in the Department, have discharged the duties of their position in a fair and impartial manner. It is a delicate, and at times almost an impossible task, to decide upon the many complicated cases that are brought before them; and though perhaps there may be difference of opinion among members of the Department, in relation to some of their decisions, yet it is acknowledged by all parties, that the Commissioners have been actuated only by a desire to advance the interests of the Department. The selection of the Commissioner Board lies wholly within the Department itself, and the Board is responsible to that body for a faithful discharge of the duties for which they are elected, and any cause for complaint can be remedied by themselves at the proper time.

FIRE MARSHAL.

The decrease in the number of fires is owing, in neasure, to the active exertions of the Fire Marshal, Alfred E. Baker, eq., who has succeeded during the past year in arresting numerous persons charged with the crime of arson, and the conviction of two of their number.

The following amounts have been received by me or old materials, paid to the City Chamber of the City Cham

Total...... \$1 253 92 In addition to the above, there is paid to the Col-lector of the City Revenue, fifty dollars per annum for

nt of stable in corporation yard. Three thousand and six dollars has been received by Three thousand and ix dollars has been received by me for fifteen hundred and three initiated firemen's certificates, which amount, as the law directs, I have paid to John S. Giles, esq., Treasurer of the Widow's and Orphan's Fund of the New York Fire Depart-

ment.
I submit the names of persons engaged as clerks a
the Chief Engineer's office, and workmen in the cor poration yard.

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It is necessary to give proper attention to the details of my department, that competent clerks, and practical mechanics and working-men should be employed, and I have selected proper persons, qualified and diligent in the discharge of those duties.

The following persons are employed at this office, and in the corporation yard:

Clerks-Charles A. Gray, John L. Cregter, George T. Alker, Jes. R. Taylor, messenger. Workmen in the Corporation Yard—James E. Mount, Foreman; Element Chambers, Michael J. Naddy, Heary Lewis, Hugh Bennets, David Conton. Richard Anapake, John Ganson.

INSPECTOR OF FIRE APPARATUS.

John Wildey, appointed by Commissioner of Re-pairs and Supplies, Selah, and Controller Flagg, Oc-tober, 1856.

In corsequence of severe fire duty, I was attacked with paralysis in July last while proceeding to a fire. Suffering from continued illness for some time, I was utable to attend to the duties of my position; but in my absence the able and faithful manner in which the duty was performed by the Assistant-Engineers merits the warmest praise. I desire to bear grateful testimony to that body for the labors so well and honorably discharged by them.

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The Department is in a condition that our city may well be proud of, and in submitting this report to your honorable body, I trust the suggestions I have made

to improve its efficiency may be carried out by speedy action. Respectfully submitted. Respectfully submitted, HENRY II. HOWARD, Chief Fuginess New York Pire Department

THE CANAL STREET SHOOTING AFFRAY.

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DEATH OF THE VICTIM.

CORONER'S INQUISITION.

James P. Duyckinck, the foreman of Hook and Ladder Company No. 4, who was shot in the lager beer and billiard saloon, No. 108 Canai street, on Monday evening last, died Wednesday evening about 8 o'clock, at his late residence, No. 20 Eldridge street from the effects of the injuries he had received.

Coroner Connery yesterday impannelled a Jury and proceeded to the Tenth Precinct Police Station to commence his inquisition with the particulars connected with the fatal occurrence. J. Frederick Budenkopp was brought before the Coroner and took a seat besid his counsel, Judges Van Cott and Anderson. The prisoner shows evident symptoms of the hard usage h received during the fatal encounter; he has a bad wound or two on the back of his head, beside which some heavy blows as if with some sharp instrument were dealt him across the nose, cutting and bruising

the nasal organ very severely.

After considerable time spent in getting the witnesses together, the taking of testimony was proceeded with. Below will be found a copy of the evidence adduced thus far before the Coroner.

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George F. Woodward, M. D., being duly sworn, deposes and says—I have made a gost-mortem examination on the body of James F. Duyekinck; a wound presented itself about the size of a gold dollar, situated one inch from the mexica of the body on the right ide, four inches above the unbillion; on opening the shdomen it was found distended with blood; in looking at threat of the tail. I found that it had penetrated the lower portion of the lesser curvature of the stomach, and lacerating opinion of the lesser curvature of the stomach, and ladging itself in the well of the disphragm; the wound caused by the ball in its laceration of the vessels, and the inflammation resulting therefore, was, in my opinion, the cause of death.

Here Dr. Woodward presented for the observation of the Jury the internal portions of the body of the deceased, and to questions put by a Jurer, said, after showing the ball which took he did of deceased, the said ball could have caused the death of the deceased in the time as in this instance, and in some cases sooner. The doctor was then asked to look at the wound on the head of Radenhopp, the prisoner, in order to explain how it was given; but "resolution" having taken place, he said he could not decide; a blow from a billiand one might have produced such a cut as that on the head; the cut on the nose might have occurred either from the fist or a billiand one might have produced such a cut as that on the head; the cut on the nose might have occurred either from the fist or a billiand cue; the effect of such a blow on the head would be to stun.

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Patrick H. Nally, being duly sworn, deposes and says—I live at No. 122 Madison street; I was acquainted with the deceased; I was in his company on the afternoon previous to his being shot; I went in with the deceased into Mr. Muller's saloon, No. 108 Canal street, at about 6 o'clock on Monday evening last; there were six of as in company when we went into drink; J. P. Duyckinek, Joseph Winfield, Maurice Twaddle, Thomas Logan, Louis Schneider, and myself; we went particularly to see Duyckiner and Winfield play a game of billiards; Maurice Twaddle and Thomas Logan went to the bar and drank, and Twaddle brought me a drink; while sitting on the corner of a table at the right band side of the room; this table was separated about ten feet from the billiard table; I could observe all the playing of billiards; Muller, the keeper of the saloon, the prisoner, and another table, to the left of where we were sitting; there were one or two between Winfield and the degeased while playing billiards; Thomas Logan went up to Winfield and said, "Joe won't you give me a shot," at which Winfield commenced to happin; I then said to Logan, "Tommy let them play the game out," I then went up to him and tried to shove him away weigh careful the said to Logan, the careful halo of me; I was not intoxicated, we wee, est and both of us fell upon the floor; the deceased way the panel of the play the this back; I don't think the prisoner struck me previous to the separate us, he was picking me up." here a general faint then commenced; a must had, see on his back when Schneider came up and struck on the neck by "... of them, a general faint then commenced; a must have any one previous to the man taking me on his back; I then ran to get my hat, when I heard the decea pistol; I cannot say when the prisater are due son't when der intended to shoot Daykaidek or not; I did not hear the deceased threaten may hody; the deceased was walking toward the prisater when he fired; Whiteled lives in Fourth street; Twaddle tiwes in Williamsburgh; I cannot say whether the deceased stopped when moving toward the door when the shot was fired; I believe he was moving toward the door to get out, more than to attack the prisoner; I noticed the prisoner after going into the salour; I cannot say whether the prisoner washn induor or not.

Joseph Whifield, being duly sworn, deposes and say—I reside at No. 43 Fourth street; my budness is that of an iron melder; I have known the deceased for about four years; I always knew hian to be a temperate man; I never east he deceased in maly temper; I was in company with the deceased about 12 o'clock of the day on which he was shot—I was this house; we drank a few glasses of beer; in our conversation he did not say to me that he had any bad feelings toward any one, neither did he mention the name of the prisoner; I was in company with

coased in ugly temper; I was in company with the deceased about 12 o'clock of the day on which he was shot—I was at his house; we drank a few glasses of beer; in our conversation he did not say to me that he had any bad feelings toward any one, neither did he mention the name of the prisoner; I was in company with him all the day up to the hour we went to Muller's asioon in Canisl street; James P. Duyckinck, Manrice Twasdie, Patrick Nally, Thomas Logan and myself, "arted from the house of the deceased, and we met another man—Louis Schneider; we all went into a serar store in Division street; we then went to a ligger-beer asioon in Division street; some of the company flid not drink anything; others took a class of beer; we then returned to the house of the deceased; we drank nothing more there; we then went to Mr. Muller's in Canal street; I said while we were crossing the street, "Let us have a game of billiards for a class of beer; it is sid while we were crossing the street, "Let us have a game of billiards for a class of beer; it is party who cannel in with us. Thos. Logar, came over an asked me for the cue to strike the balls, saying that I could not lay; a nam named Nally run over and pashed Logar, when they caught hold of each other, and both fell; they did not seem to be in enger; two men then came from a table where the prisoner was; I cannot say who they were, as my attention was on the billiard table; I did not see any man in the row have sacher man an his back; I saw blows struck, but cannot say who struck hen; the went to separate the parties who were quarreling; he sold to the mra who were in the house, "We did not come here to make a disturbance," he repeated the expression, when the prisoner then want and put his back to the door; the prisoner then said, "You did come here to make a disturbance," Duyckinck hen rewed toward the door; one or two others also moved toward the door; one or two others also moved toward the door; one or two others also moved toward the door, one or the prisoner with it

The further investigation was here adjourned till clock this morning.

OPENING OF PROGRESS HALL .- A society or circle of Spiritualists last evening opened a hall on the northwest corner of Eighth avenue and Twenty-ninth street, under the name of Progress Hall, as a future place o worship. Mr. Ira B. Davis first addressed the assemblage, and was followed by Mrs. E. J. French. At the close of the address, she inquired if any one de sired to ask her any questions, as she would cheerfully answer them; but none of those present appearing disposed to interrogate her, either in regard to Spirit nalism or on matters connected with themselves, she proceeded to state a few incidents in her own history. which had the effect of converting her to her presen belief in the subject. At the conclusion of the addresses, a lady (whose name was not communicated sung while in an entranced state. The exercises were enlivened by vocal performances by a portion of

The following sale of real setate was made at auction yesterday by Adrian H. Muller: House and lot No. 19 Greene etreet, 25x190, \$7 950.

Dodworth choir.

CITY ITEMS.

Clear, cool, calm Winter weather prevailed yesterday-a little coiler than the close-housed denizons of tue city care to enjoy, but just the temperature that makes Winter in the country delightful, sliding down all magnificent, skating glorious, and driving the girls to spelling school heavenly. Then and there look out for cheeks ruddy without paint, and eyes bright without arsenic. But the city people know little of out-door enjoyments. Boyhood in the free pure air of the country Winter is worth the lifetime of the wandering Jew in the smoky, stifling gases of the metropolis.

ANDTHER DRAMATIC UNION .- In addition to the wedding of Mr. Charles Mathews, the eminent comed.an, with the celebrated Mrs. Lizzie Weston Davenport, we have to announce another theatrical wedding arising out of the recent divorce. Mr. George Jordan, the gal ant light comedian of Laura Keene's theater. was married on Sunday last to Miss Emily Thorne. also a member of the theatrical profession, at Hoboken, The groomsmen on the occasion were Mr. Fitz James Courcy O'Brien, editor of The Journal of Cir. lization, and Mr. W. W. W. Gray, late Treasurer of Laura Keene's Theater. .

The Rev. Dudley A. Tyng, formerly of Philadelphia. will lecture at Clinton Hall, Astor Place, this evening, before the Hermian Club. His subject is " False and True Manhood."

VALENTINES .- The popularity of Valentines seems to be fast going by. The practice of inditing poetical epistles, expressive of the feelings and sentiments of the writer toward the opposite sex, is all very pretty perhaps, and sufficiently proper. It develops who can say how much poetical talent; or if it does not do that it certainly encourages an exuberant vegetation of rhymesters. But poets ceased to germinate and rhyming to be fostered, through the agency of Valentines, when the manufacture of ready-made lines for general use began to be established. Thence dates the decline and prospective fall of the empire of St. Valentine. But what has created a disgust for this once dainty institution, has been the introduction of repulsive caricatures, designed to gratify spleen and bad taste. Of late years, the shops of venders, in the month of February, have swarmed with wood engravings, cheap and hideous, sold as Valentines at a cent each and upward. But we say it again, the patron saint of the 14th is under a cloud, and he is like to stay there.

The statistics of the New-York Post-Office confirm the opinion that Valentines are going out of date. About fourteen years ago, the number of these missives received there each year was not short of twenty thousand, but a constant decline in their circulation has been noted since, until this year it has scarcely exceeded five thousand. Many are returned to the Post-Office in cases where the person addressed refuses to receive them, or cannot be found. Numbers are also sent in not prepaid, directed to individuals residing both in and out of the city. In such instances the persons addressed are notified, and if they forward to the office the necessary postage stamp, the letter is sent on to them. The Post-Office officials congratulate themselves on the decline of this business, and hope it will be suspended altogether.

LOLA MONTEZ AS A WITNESS,-The examination of Madame Lola Montez, as a witness, yesterday, before J. N. Whiting, esq., ended in a free fight between two persons, in which no one was seriously injured. The examination was conducted by Mr. Schermerhorn, to whom Lola made such replies as she saw fit, seeming to have a supreme contempt for all rules and regulations of the Courts. Mr. Schermerhorn asked her if her real name was not Betsey Watson, to which she gave no answer; she told Mr. S, she should exercise the Vankee privilege of answering one question by asking another, and should presently have some little questions to ask him, about raising his hand upon a woman and striking her. Mr. S. asked her if she was not bern in Montrose, Scotland, to which she gave no answer. He then asked her if she was at one time an assistant chambermaid ? Hereupon Madame Lola laughed heartily, and said that if she had been she should consider it no harm, and should infinitely prefer it to being where she now was, and exposed to all sort of silly, trifling questions. Mr. S. asked her how she accounted for being in India only three months after she said she was born in the beautiful town of Lim-erick? She told him he would have to find that out as he seemed to know all about her already; he knew that her name was Betsey Watson; that she was born in Montrose, and that she was an assistant chambermaid; and she thought him much better qualified to answer questions concerning her, than she herself, who Seeley objected to any questions being asked, except such as related strictly to the impeachment of the character of "this fellow," (referring to one of the parties present.)

You are a vagabond and a Tomb's Shyster! Mr. SEELEY .- I am no Shyster! and you are a fel-

"This Fellow."-I will not tolerate such insolene

if you call me "fellow" I will knock you down! Just you come outside, where there is room, and I will soon

At this point, Mr. Seeley made some reply, when "This Fellow" rushed at him, and struck him with a su all cape which he held in his hand. Mr. Secley seized the cane and took it away, when they both made a rush at each other. The stove was fortunately-or unfortunately-between them; but the top of it flew in one direction, the inkstands flew in another, and papers and books flew in all directions, and for a few moments locked like Donnybrook Fair on a small scale. Mr. Seeley and "This Fellow" were striking at each other others were trying to keep them apart, while Lola

screamed to "take them away" - "put them out," &c. The Policemen, who were at the door, were soon on hand, seized "This Fellow," and dragged him out of the room—he making all the resistance in his power. Lola told them to take him to the Tombs, suggesting at the same time, that the place was familiar to him. After quiet was restored a little, he was allowed to come back into the room after his hat and pocket-book; when he came near getting into another fight-Madame Lola all this time was giving a great deal of advice, gratis. to "This Fellow: finally advising him not to steal any other person's hat. He at last consented to go peaceably to the Station-House, with Officer John H. Polloy though be protested as ainst all such proceedings. Mr. Seeley followed after him to make a complaint. The room was cleared of all but a few, when Mr. Whiting who had done his best to keep the adverse parties quiet and to stop riotous proceedings, stated that this case was adjourned sine die. He said that he felt himself deeply aggrieved, and that at the proper time and place, he should bring an action against the guilty parties for contempt of Court; and he wished it dis tinctly understood, that he would have nothing further to do with the case in any way at all.

After the fighting men had left, and only a few peaceably-disposed individuals remained. Madame Lola had the audience all to herself. She gave a history of "this fellow" as far as she knew about him, which was not at all favorable to his character. She says he first came to her house in London, and requested the privilege of acting as her amanuensis in writing her memcirs. She told him she had no need to write her memoirs-she had plenty of property and meant to epjoy it, and she very politely out. Afterward, when he came to her husband, Capt. Heald, and requested payment for his services, he was out she hinted that the Captain's boot had something to de with it. Lola says she thinks it the bravest thing she ever did, to come to a Court has this, to be subjected to all sorts of questions from in pudent people, who even strike women; but she considered it a duty to calighten the public in regard to "this fellow's 'character. She said she was going to Lendon in May, and she promises to collect the facts, and have the satisfaction of sending over here an

ILLUMINATION IN THE PARK .- That portion of the Park fronting Tammany Hall was illuminated last evening in a novel way, and qui'e unexpectedly. The pipe f one of the gas-lamps became cracked in some way probably by the cold,, and emitted from a large orifice between the post and lamp a sheet of light about a large as an ordinary-sized hat. The lesser light, within the lamp, continued to burn dimly, and as unmindful of its illegitimate rival below as the City Lamplighter.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—At a special meeting of he Chamber of Commerce at Clinton Hall, on Wednesday evening, the report of the Committee on the Banking Laws, submitted on Friday last (as printed in Monday's TRIBUSE , which recommends that the banks be required to retain in specie twenty-five to thirty per cent on the amount of their paper issue, was, with the accompanying memorial to the Legislature, rejected by a two-third vote. A report that the best place for locating the Chamber was the Merchants' Exchange was referred back to the Committee. Another specia meeting will be held at 1 p. m. to-day, at the Mer chants' Bank, when the law of collisions at sea, the new code of merchants' signals and a revision of the revenue laws will be considered.

THE EXCISE LAW .- The Temperance question has already been up in several forms in the present Legis-lature, and it is probable action of some kind will be taken on the subject before the close of the session. Bills have been noticed in the Assembly to repeal, and to amend the Excise Law, and others to reestablish prohibition. Numerous petitions have likewise been presented in behalf of divers plans. Meantime liquer vendors have ceased to apply for licenses to the Excise Commissioners of this city, and some 62 of those to whom licenses were granted have not paid their fees; thus near \$2,000 is lost to the poor of New-York. Commissioner Wm. J. Haskett thinks the present law should be amended. He would have a uniform license fee of \$15, and the petitioners, instead of being freeholders in the District, should merely be residents of the neighborhood where the liquer is to be sold—their number to be reduced, and fixed by the Legislature. The Commissioners should not only be empowered to prosecute for all violations of the law, but they should be allowed funds to cover the expense thereof. One-half the net proceeds of excise feet might properly be granted to the Incbriate Asylum, as others have proposed. The law as it now stands is profix, and undertakes to do too much. These are Mr. Haskett's views drawn from one year's experience as Commissioner. The Board of Excise will hold three more sittings the present fiscal year, commencing on the first Monday in March.

UNLIGHNSED DRIVERS .- The Mayor's pelice continue to haul up the unlicensed drivers of carts, backs and other vehicles. There were nearly a dozen arrested yesterday and each fined \$1 for the violation.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS .- Gen. Nye being absent, at Syracuse, the Board of Police Commissioners did not meet yesterday, and will not meet again before Tues-

GRATUITY TO SPECIAL POLICEMEN.-Through the instrumentality of Mr. Perit, \$1,540 have beet contributed, principally by the merchants of the city, as an earnest of their appreciation of the solid services rendered by the special policemen who did duty on the 1st of December, the memorable day which freed the city from the misrule of Fernando Wood. This sum has just been placed subject to the order of Mr. Embree, Chief Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, by Charles H. Marshall, treasurer of the fund, and \$1 50 will be paid to each of these men at any time after Monday next, at the Station-Houses of the Wards in which they

POLICE APPOINTMENTS .- Several members of the old Police force have recently been appointed upon the new, after first signing a document relinquishing all cla ms against the Metropolitan Commissioners. Among the number thus appointed within a day or two is Joe Keefe, one of ex-Chief Matsell's Aids, and well known as a detective, especially among the professional gentlemen who visit hotels for a livelihood.

HEAVY BURGLARY-THE THIEVES ATTEMPT TO SHOOT THE POLICE.-Yesterday morning, between 3 and 4 o'clock, Officer Davis of the Fifteenth Precinct, while patrolling his beat, heard a noise like the raising or lowering of a window in Macdougal street, between Waverley place and West Washington place. Upon locking about he discovered a light in the basement of Mr. George E. Gray's residence, No. 32 Washington and at once came to the conclusion that were thieves in the house, as from the unseasonable hour he knew that none of the family were moving. Without raising an alarm Davis started and precured the assistance of Officer Wells of the same precinct, and both repaired to the house. Officer Davis went up to the open window, and seeing two men inside a-ked, "What are you doing there!" The light was estantly extinguished and in a moment or two thereafter the two men appeared at the basement door, and frawing revolvers opened a brisk fire upon the officers, who had no other weapons than their clubs. Three hots were fired, but fortunately without effect, when one of the burglars said, "Give him another-kill him." Officer Davis in springing toward the fellows fell down, when the tascals ran into the street and fired at Officer Wells.

Officer Corsa of the same precinct, while patrolling is beat in University place, heard the report of the istels, and hastened through the parade ground to ee what was the matter. On his way he observed a fellow running up Waverley place toward Broadway, and gave him chase. When within about six feet of bis man, the rascal suddenly turned about and discharged a shot full in the face of his pursuer. Officer Corsa staggered, and fell senseless to the pavement where he lay some five or ten minutes. Upon recovering, he called for assistance, and was conducted to the Station-House. His face was literally filled with powder, many of the grains, which were very coarse, being buried below the cuticle. The District Surgeon was sent for, and some of the grains of powder were extracted, but the greater portion of the charge was so deeply imbedded in the skin that it would be necessary to scarify his face badly before they could be removed, and it was deemed prudent to let them alone for the present. Officer Corsa narrowly escaped the oss of his right eye. It is probable that the revolvers contained no bullets, and that the object of the burglars was to frighten the policemen. The police about the Fifteenth and neighboring precincts were promptly

alarmed, but the rescale succeeded in escaping.

It is supposed that the burglars had watched the movements of the family, and broken into the house after every one had retired. They had no doubt been at work in packing up goods for several hours, and had already sent off a portion of the plunder. The follow ing articles of silver-ware were missed: 1 doz. dinner forks, I doz. small forks, I doz. tea-spoons, I doz. dessert spoons, 18 table spoons, 4 salt spoons, 2 doz. egg spoons, 1 slop bowl, 1 milk pot, 1 butter dish, 4 salt cellars, I dish cover, 5 napkin rings, 1 butter knife, &c., valued altogether at \$450. The thieves had set out some \$2,000 worth of other silver-ware ready for removal when they were interrupted.

The neise created considerable alarm about the neighborhood, and almost every one was up searching their premises. Unfortunately the police were unarmed, except with clubs, otherwise the burglars would have been made to bite the dust.

SEIZURE OF GUNPOWDER, -On Saturday last Fire Wardens Sarderson and Weeks seized at No. 163 Fulton street, 11 boxes of Minnie rifle cartridges and other ammunition. The boxes, with their contents, weighed from 50 to 60 pounds each. They were conveyed to the State Arsenal, and will be sold for the benefit of the Fire Department Fund. They were said to belong to the Manhattan Fire-arm Company, of Norwich, Conn.

expose of the man that shall astonish the American No person has as yet claimed the property. In addition to the forfeiture of the ammunities, the law imposes a penalty of \$500 against parties violating the law of 1856 relative to the storing of ganpowder. This fine if recovered also goes into the Fire Department Fund. It is approsed that this ammunition had been stored at the place where it was seized for several months. The Fire Wardens intend to carry out the law to its fullest extent and seize powder, &c., wherever they find it stored contrary to the provisions of the statute.

SCICIDE OF A WALL STREET MERCHANT BY HANGING HIMSELF.—The friends of Mr. John Brou-wer, who resided at 158 Henry street, Brooklyn, were in great trouble on Wednesday evening in consequence of his not returning home at the mual hour. Search was made for him without success till yesterday morn ing, wi en his dead body was found in his office, No. 72 Wall street, he having committed suicide by bauging himself with his pocket handkerchief, which, after none. ing about his neck, he had fastened to the knob on the door of his safe. Having arranged the handkerchief, Mr. Bronwer lowered his body, thereby tightening the noose about his neck, and producing strangulation at ence. Death must have ensued in a few moments afterward. When discovered the unfortunate man was in a sitting posture in one corner of the room. The outer door was locked, and had to be forced in. Mr. Brouwer has been laboring under depression of spirits caused by ill health, and reverses in business. Coro ner Perry held an inquest on the body, and the testimony taken will be found appended.

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Joshua Atkins, being sworn, says—I have known deceased for a number of years, he was in business in this city and resided at Brooklyn, where he has a family; he has been in a despending state of mind for some weeks part; he did not come at his usual time last evening; we searched for him this morning; I was informed by a young man that deceased was at his room apparently dead; I went to his room, and in company with an either, effected an entrance and saw deceased in the corner of the room in a sitting posture; we made no further examination at the time, but sent for a Coroner; I have since then observed particularly the apparance of deceased; he was landing by his pocket handserchief, which was around his heak and attached to the knob of the safe door, lower limbs resting on the floor; the knob of the safe door, lower limbs resting on the floor; the knob was six feet from the floor; no papers have been found in his possession intimating his intention to commit swielde decreased was laboring under depression of spirits from ill health; I considered him to be partially invane; his door was lecked on the invide, his usual custom was to look himself in his room to avoid interruption.

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George Bouton, M. D., being sworn, says-I have examined the ledy of deceased; from its appearance I have no denot but that deceased came to his death by hanging, after hav-ing taken laudanum, a vial of which I found in his pocket. This completed the evidence, and the Jury rendered

the following verdict: "That the said John Brouwer came to to his death

by his own hands, while laboring under insanity caused by bodily ailments and mental anxiety." Deceased was 38 years of age and born in New-

York. He was fermerly President of the East River Insurance Company, and had been in business in the firms of J. R. Peters & Co., and Stebbins, Brouwer

ROBBED IN A PANEL HOUSE,-On Wednesday night a young man named John Irvin, of No. 33 Washington street, Hoboken, while passing through the lower part of the city, was accosted by a girl named Margaret Jameson, who persuaded him to take her to a porter-house in Reade street, near West Broadway, and treat her to refreshments. While in the saloon Margaret managed to pick her companion's pocket of a portemonnaic containing \$60. Irvin discovered his loss immediately and caused the arrest of the girl, but the \$60 was non est, the thief having passed the money into the hands of a confederate. She was conveyed before Justice Welsh and locked up for trial.

A SEWING-MACHINE DODGE.-A young woman named Lavinia O'Connor complained yesterday at the Mayer's office, against a man in New Bowery, for hav-ing "done" her out of \$3. This party, she alleged, advertises for girls to learn the use of the sewing machine, promising to teach them and afterward get them situations for the above sum. In her case, however, after obtaining the money, he would neither teach her orget her employment. The accused was brought up by Officer Van Arsdale, but the Mayor did not consider the complaint sufficient to detain him, and the prisoner was discharged.

A WATCH-STUFFER CAUGHT,-Yesterday afternoon Officers Place and Freeman discovered a young man named James Rock trying to sell Louis Sommers, a tecent German emigrant, a watch in Chatham street, and waited until the bargain was closed, when they took both in custody. Rock had been following the German about for some time, and offered the ticker for \$5, which was finally agreed to; but instead of giving Summers the watch he gave him a stone wrapped up nicely in a piece of paper. The purchaser did not but what he had a watch in the parcel until the parties were taken to the Mayor's office. Rock was made to return the money, and was then committed He tried to excuse himself by saying that he had been for some time out of employment, and had to go into the watch-stuffing business to make a living.

SEVEN MORE LOTTERY DEALERS ARRESTED. - Yesterday Sergeant Berney's squad arrested the following named parties, charged with selling lottery policies Wm. Jenkins of No. 23 Eighth avenue, James Morri son, No. 313 Bleecker street; James Meyer, No. 216 Stanton street; John Dow, No. 105 Stanton street: Emma Hatch, No. 205 Stanton street: Richard Martin, No. 51 avenue B, and Charles Leaman, No. 200 Second The prisoners were brought before the Mayor and ordered to give bai -\$500 each-to answer. The police find the greatest difficulty in ferreting out these offenders, most of them having closed the shutters and retired to more secret quarters to carry on their swindling business. The weman above named had a little shop, estensibly for the sale of a few pairs of stockings hanging in one of the windows.

A CUT-PURSE NABBED .- A young man 17 years of age, named John Winn, was apprehended on Wednesday eight by Policeman Orpheus of the Third Precinct, harged with attempting to steal a gold watch and chain, valued at \$120, from the pocket of Willard Hovey of Maiden lane, while the latter was watching the process of the fire in Maiden line. At the time Winn was very busily engaged attempting to unhook the chain from Mr. Hovey's vest, having succeeded in abstracting the watch from the complainant's fob pocket. The thief was taken before Justice Welch at the Lower Police Court, and sent to prison to await his

DESCENT UPON A DISORDERLY HOUSE, -On Wednes. day night the Seventeenth Precinct Police made a descent upon the house of assignation in East Eleventh street, kept by a woman named Soptia Humphrey, and arrested the proprietress and ten others, males and females, who had congregated in the establishment. A short time previous to the appearance of the police one of the inmates, a young girl fifteen or eighteen years of age, had to escape from a man who was pursuing her by jumping out of one of the second-story windows. She fell upon the pavement, and was seriously, if not fatally, injured. The prisoners were detained in the Station-House the remainder of the night, and yesterday morning conveyed before Justice Steers, who held the woman Humphrey to bail in the sum of \$500 to answer the charge of keeping a disorderly house. The girls and their companions, after a reprimand by the magistrate, were sent about their

ARREST OF A PRIVATE WATCHNAN,-Yesterday forenoon, Philip Wightman, a private watchman re-siding at No. 741 Washington street, was arrested by Policeman Folwell of the Third Precinct, on complaint of Mesers. Windle & Co., the sufferers by the late fire n Maiden lane, who charged him with stealing property from the burning building. Wightman was apprehended at the corner of West Broadway and Read street, and taken to the Station-House, where, upon being searched his pocket, were found filled with silver plated knives, forks and spoons, which property

it is supposed be purkined during the progress of the fire. The accured, when apprehended, atood upon his cignity, and pulling out his club, stated that he was a private watchman, and as such, had a right to take charge of Mesers. Wincle s or any other person's property. The prisoner was taken before Justice Welsh at the Lower Police Court, where the property was iden-& Co., and a complaint of grand larceny preferred. The magistrate sent Wightman to prison to await ble

HELD FOR TRIAL.-Justice Kelly, before when Jim Hughes and Joe Coburn were arraigned a day or two age on a charge of assaulting Policeman Thomas of the Sixteenth Precinct while in the discharge of his duty, yesterday rendered his decision in the case. Hughes was held for trial; but Coburn was discharged for want of sufficient evidence.

FATAL FALL FROM A SHED.—Coroner Perry yearday held an inquest at the house No. 28 Delancy effect, on the body of Hugh Riley, who was killed in its ling from the roof of a shed in the rear of the aforele hitz from the roof of a shed in the rear of the afore-said premises to the pavement beneath, a distance of about ten feet. Kiley, as he had often done before, was attempting to crawl into his room window from the shed, when he stumbled and fell head foremest to the side-walk. In the fall, his skull was crushed in, and death followed in a few moments after ward. The Jury rendered a verdet of "Death by injuries to the head, caused by an accidental fall." Riley was 56 years of age, and a native of Ireland.

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BROOKLYN ITEMS. NEW UNITARIAN CHAPEL IN BROOKLYN .- The

chapel of the Second Unitarian Church, new nearly completed, is tecnted on the corner of Clinton and Coagress streets, and Verandah Place (having three entrances), and is to be dedicated on the 2d of March. It is crucform in shape and is a very complete building. The length of the nave is eighty-six feet, and of the transept seventy-five feet. The width of nave forty feet, of the transept thirty-five feet; the ceiling is twenty-five feet in the clear. The building is of brick overlaid with brown mastic, and the style is Anglo-Italian. There are seventeen arched windows, the tracery Caen stone, and all the stone work is of the same except the "water-line" of brown-stone, over which is a wide stripe of Philadelphia faced brick. The reof is covered with green and purple octagon slates in alternante rows; the cornice is of Caen stone and Philadelphia brick. At the northwest corner, in the recess formed by the northern transept and the nave, stands a tower forty-one feet high, pierced with long narrow windows, and surmounted by an octagon belfry, twentybree feet high. The roof of the tower is slated, and the base of the belfry is ornamented with encausti tiles on the face of the stone-work. The belfry is surmounted by a cross. Over the center of the roof is an ornate ventilator of wood-work open and fretted, and a ridge crest runs the whole length of the roof, giving nished appearance. The main entre Clinton street is through a porch at the eastern end of the nave. Over the porch is a rose-window of richly stained glass, the frame of Caen stone, upon which there is an inscription, "The truth shall make you free." The interior of the Church is chaste and simple. An open timber roof is admirably relieved by the roce tinted and moulded ceiling, appearing between the heavy beams. The walls are pearl gray, and the celling of the apse is of azure color. The stained-glass windows give a pleasant effect, and there are no pil-lars or gallery, se that the pulpit is seen from every pew. The pews are of black walnut and pine, lined with crimson damack, and will seat 700 persons. window in the roof out of sight of the congregation. admits light for the pulpit, which is highly orna-mented. On the right of the alter is the retiring or vestry room, with every convenience, and on the left in the chamber of a tower, is a fine organ built by Ferris, with accommodations for a quartette choir The Church is warmed by furnaces. Behind the pulpit is a stairway to the basement room, where are accommodations for the Sunday-School, Likrary, &c., with an entrance from Verandah Place. There is also a door from the street to the minister's room. A plain iron fence surrounds the building and lot. The whole cost

Longfellow, a brother of the poet of the same name. Discharged From Custony.—George Lestrange, William Griffen and John McLear, arrested for having, on the 7th of February, broken open the door of a shoemaker's shop in Smith street, were brought before Justice Blatchley yesterday for examination. No felonious intent being proved, they were discharged

f building and grounds (the lot being leased) is twenty

housand dollars. The minister is the Rev. Samue

WARD NOMINATIONS.—The Democracy of the Fifth Ward have nominated John Doherty for Alderman, Charles Kerrigan for Assessor, Edward McKitterick for Supervisor and Bernard McGrath for Constable.

FEMALE PICKPOCKETS .- An aged lady was accosted by one of three well dressed young women in Fulton treet a day or two since, and informed that her dress was torn. On looking for the supposed rent, another of the party picked her pocket of \$32, and all were out of sight before the lady discovered her loss,

COMMITTED TO THE LUNATIC ASYLUM.—The young man William Thompson, who shot Josef Mussi, an Italian organ-grinder, on the 8th inst., in front of his father's house in Adelphi street, has been committed to the Lunatic Asylum, it appearing that he was not in his right mind. The injured man is still at the Heavits! Hospital.

STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED.—Yesterday two clocks, a portion of the stolen property taken from the furnishing store, corner of Sixth and South Sixth streets, were found secu-ted in a stone heap in a vacant lot in South Tenth street, near A malogany portable desk, containing \$500 in broken-bank hile, stolen a rew days since from the residence of Mr. Manuschi, No. 1 Taylor street, was in a lot in Kent avenue.

ROBBERY.—Yesterday forencon, the house of Mr. Blackwell, No. 34 South Tenth street, was entered by thieves, and a gold watch and a quantity of jewelry was taken.

ICE IS THE EAST RIVER.—Last night there was large quantities of ice in the East River. It was not of sufficient thickness, however, to materially impode the passage of the ferry-boats.

INQUEST.—An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner Stell upon the body of Henry Bechnel, a workman complete in Ald. Kaloficiach's chemical works, who died sufficely. Verdict: "Death from irritation of the stomach, produced by each power."